

# **Herbert Hoover National Historic Site Compendium of Superintendent's Orders 2006**

Compendium of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and other Restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority of the superintendent.

Under the provisions of 16 USC 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1 Parts 1-7, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of Herbert Hoover National Historic Site.

Unless otherwise noted, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1.

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Neil Korsmo, Acting Superintendent

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Date

## **Section 1.5 – Closures and Public Use Limits**

(a)(1) The following areas are **closed to vehicles**, except for official use, during the periods indicated.

- Loop Road.....Closed 10:00 pm – 6:00 am
- Water Street Parking Lot.....Closed 10:00 pm – 6:00 am
- Historic Traces.....Closed 24 hrs

(a)(1) The following closures are also in effect:

- The area including and surrounding the Hoover Gravesite is closed to skiing, sledding and similar winter activities.
- The creek bank areas below ground level, including the areas beneath all bridges are closed to public use. Except for official activities, walking and climbing on the creek banks is prohibited.

## **Section 1.6 – Permits**

(c) Special use permits are required for all organized group activities and special events. All persons desiring to hold events on historic site grounds are to be referred to the chief ranger's office. All permits will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Director's Order #53, Special Park Uses.

The following permits are required by 36 CFR:

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| • Special Event Permit                | 36 CFR 2.50(a) |
| • Public Assembly Permit              | 36 CFR 2.51(a) |
| • Sale/Distribution of Printed Matter | 36 CFR 2.52(a) |
| • Commercial Photography Permit       | 36 CFR 5.5     |

## **Section 2.1 – Preservation of natural, cultural, and archeological resources**

(c)(1) Gathering downed nuts for personal use is permitted only in the nut tree grove area surrounding the Hoover Gravesite. Individuals may gather an amount not to exceed the equivalent of one half gallon per person, per day and commercial use of nuts gathered is prohibited.

## **Section 2.11 – Picnicking**

Picnicking is allowed only in designated picnic areas unless otherwise authorized by the superintendent. The group picnic shelter area is available by reservation or on a first-come, first-served basis when not reserved in advance. Reservation notices will be posted at each shelter as appropriate. Picnicking is also available in the Village Green.

## **Section 2.12 – Audio Disturbances**

(a)(1)(ii) Any noise level from a radio, tape deck, or similar device more audible than conversational voice at a distance of 50 feet or more from the source is prohibited.

### **Section 2.13 – Fires**

(a)(1) Open fires are prohibited at all locations in the park except under the provisions of a special use permit. Camp stoves and charcoal fires are allowed in the picnic shelter area. Camp stoves are also permitted in the Village Green; both are prohibited in all other areas.

### **Section 2.15 – Pets**

(a)(1) Properly restrained pets are permitted in all areas of the historic site with the exception of public buildings, unless specifically authorized by the superintendent. Service animals are permitted in all buildings as necessary.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be immediately collected by the pet handler and removed from the site or deposited in an appropriate waste container.

(e) Park residents may keep pets in accordance with the approved Herbert Hoover NHS pet policy.

### **Section 2.16 – Horses and Pack Animals**

(b) & (c) Horses and pack animals are not permitted on any site trails or roads, unless authorized by the superintendent.

### **Section 2.18 – Snowmobiles**

(c) Snowmobiles only may be operated on the shoulder of the paved surface of Parkside Drive between Main Street in West Branch and Interstate 80.  
(36 CFR 7.60)

### **Section 2.19 – Winter Activities**

(a) Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are permitted on prairie trails. The area surrounding the presidential gravesite is closed to all winter activities.

### **Section 2.20 – Skating, Skateboards, and similar Devices**

Using roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, coasting vehicles, and similar devices are prohibited within the boundaries of the historic site.

### **Section 2.21 – Smoking**

- (a) Smoking is prohibited in all park buildings and in the prairie.

### **Section 2.35 – Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances**

(a)(3)(i) The consumption of alcoholic beverages within the park picnic areas is allowed. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted within public buildings or on the presidential gravesite grounds. The consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or the possession of a bottle, can, or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal is broken, or the contents have been partially removed, is prohibited on **all** park property during the annual celebration of HooverFest, occurring the first weekend of August.

### **Section 2.50 – Special Events**

(a) Sports events, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies and similar events are allowed: *Provided however*, There is a meaningful association between the historic site and the events and the observances contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the site, and a permit therefore has been issued by the superintendent.

### **Section 2.51 – Public Assemblies, Meetings**

(a) & (e) These activities may be conducted under a permit issued by the superintendent and can only take place in the areas listed under section 2.52 of these orders. The permit must be obtained during regular site business hours, at least 24 hours in advance of the planned activity.

### **Section 2.52 – Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter**

(a) & (e) These activities may be conducted under a permit issued by the superintendent. The permit must be obtained during regular business hours, at least 24 hours in advance of the planned activity. The activities can only take place on the grassy area east of Parkside Drive and south of Water Street parking lot.

### **Section 3.21 - Swimming**

(a)(1) Swimming or wading is prohibited in the creek that flows through the park.

**Section 4.30 – Bicycles**

(a) Bicycle riding is permitted on all paved streets and parking lots, and on the asphalt walkway leading from the core area to the loop road only. Bicycle riding is not permitted on boardwalks, sidewalks (except as indicated above), or historic traces.

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Appendix A

*As required, the superintendent has prepared a written determination justifying the actions set forth in this compendium. The justifications for action are listed below.*

**Section 1.5 – Closures and Public Use Limits**

(a)(1) The superintendent has determined that these closures are necessary for visitor safety and protection of government property.

**Section 1.6 – Permits**

(c) The superintendent has determined permits are necessary for the listed activities in order to protect park resources and to avoid conflicts of visitor use.

**Section 2.1 – Preservation of natural, cultural, and archeological resources**

(c)(1) The superintendent has determined that the nut tress planted in the designated gathering area were planted specifically for the enjoyment of the public, and that gathering in small amounts for personal use would not adversely impact the environment or the commemorative purpose of the nut-tree plantings.

**Section 2.11 – Picnicking**

The superintendent has determined areas appropriate for picnicking in accordance with 36 CFR 1.5(a) and the General Management Plan. Confining picnicking in these areas reduces litter, pests such as bees, wasps, and rodents, and impacts on other visitors.

**Section 2.12 – Audio Disturbances**

(a)(1)(ii) The superintendent has determined that unreasonable noise conflicts with the purpose for which the historic site was established.

**Section 2.13 – Fires**

(a)(1) The superintendent has determined that these restrictions are necessary for public safety and resource protection.

### **Section 2.15 – Pets**

(a)(1)&(5) The superintendent has determined that these restrictions are necessary to maintain public safety and for protection of the environmental and scenic values of the site.

(e) The superintendent has determined this activity is necessary as an equitable use of facilities by tenants.

### **Section 2.16 – Horses and Pack Animals**

(b) & (c) The superintendent has determined this restriction is necessary to maintain public safety and for the protection of environmental and scenic values of the site, and to avoid conflicts among visitor uses.

### **Section 2.18 – Snowmobiles**

(c) The superintendent has determined this restriction is necessary to maintain public safety and for the protection of the environmental, scenic and commemorative values of the site. Access from Main Street in West Branch to the area of town south of the Historic Site would be limited if the use of Parkside Drive was prohibited.

### **Section 2.19 – Winter Activities**

The superintendent has determined this restriction necessary to maintain public safety and for the protection of the environmental, scenic, and commemorative values of the site.

### **Section 2.20 – Skating, Skateboards and Similar Devices**

The superintendent has determined that this restriction is necessary for public health and safety and to avoid conflicts in visitor use.

### **Section 2.21 – Smoking**

(a) The superintendent has determined this restriction is necessary for public health and safety, as well as for the protection of the site's cultural and natural resources.

### **Section 2.35 – Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances**

(a)(3)(1) The superintendent has determined this restriction is necessary as this activity is inappropriate considering the purpose for which the buildings, presidential gravesite, and grounds are maintained.

### **Section 2.50 – Special Events**

(a) The superintendent has determined these restrictions necessary to maintain commemorative values of the historic site and to avoid conflicts in visitor use.

### **Section 2.51 – Public Assemblies, Meetings**

(a) & (e) The superintendent has determined these restrictions are necessary for public safety and to avoid conflicts in visitor use.

### **Section 2.52 – Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter**

(a) & (e) The superintendent has determined these restrictions are necessary for public safety and to avoid conflicts in visitor use.

### **Section 3.21 – Swimming**

(a)(1) The superintendent has determined these restrictions are necessary for public safety and resource protection.

### **Section 4.30 – Bicycles**

(a) The superintendent has determined these restrictions are necessary for public safety and to avoid conflicts in visitor use.